

Ignore climate change alarmists (letter)

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Andrew Yang, a Democratic presidential candidate, claims that it's already too late to stop global warming, and it's time to move to higher ground. (This didn't dissuade the Obamas from buying a 29-acre compound on Martha's Vineyard, their third home. Ever notice how no one on the left cries foul over Democrat plenitude? But I digress.)

So just how much carbon dioxide (which comprises 82% of greenhouse gases) is mankind producing? Environmental Protection Agency statistics report annual U.S. CO₂ emissions in 2017 were 6.457 billion metric tons. Sound like a lot? Well, Earth's atmosphere is about 5.150 quadrillion tons. Relative to the Earth's atmosphere, annual U.S. CO₂ emissions are 0.000125%. The U.S. emits 15% of worldwide CO₂. Annual worldwide CO₂ emissions represent 0.000836% of the atmosphere.

Note that CO₂ emissions are not cumulative; the Earth's oceans and plant life constantly consume CO₂. The National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration estimates that half of all CO₂ is absorbed by oceans, and by land plants and trees.

Total atmospheric CO₂ is 2.06 trillion tons, or 0.04%. Compared to nitrogen, 78.08% (4.021 quadrillion tons); oxygen, 20.95% (1.079 quadrillion tons); and argon, 0.93% (47.895 trillion tons), U.S. CO₂ emissions are little more than a rounding error.

Yet Democrats identify global warming as the biggest existential threat (President Donald Trump excluded) and they blame the U.S (but not China, whose CO₂ emissions are double). Why? Scaremongering wins votes. How pompous to proclaim mankind can affect the weather. Rest easy America, we are not melting the Earth.

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